REMARKS

Claims 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,078,960 issued to Ballard ("Ballard") in view of U.S. Patent 6,058,425 issued to White ("White"). Applicants have amended the claims to recite features that are not taught or fairly suggested by the sections of Ballard and White cited in the last Office Action. Applicants assert all pending claims are patentably distinguishable as a result thereof.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5093.

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